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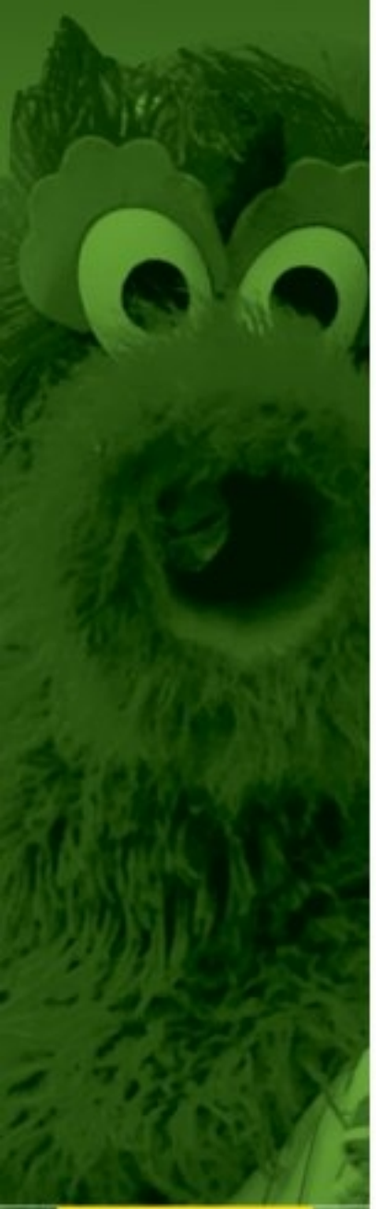

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The Phillies' Opening Day record. The Fightin' Phils play the Atlanta Braves today at 7:10 p.m. at Turner Field. It marks the first Opening Day start for Cole Hamels, who signed a 6-year, $144 million contract extension in July. He debuted for the team in July 2006. Since then, his record is 91-60.

Quoted

"Do yourself a favor and don't YouTube Kevin ware leg injury."

@Broseffinch
Local guy Joe Finch says don't watch the video of Louisville University basketball player Kevin Ware's right leg crumbling beneath him in the game against Duke University yesterday in the NCAA tournament.

Justin Wolfe, right, poses with his brother Austin before Justin's death. / FACEBOOK

Grieving father seeks reforms

Grief. The father of a Temple University student is fighting for HIPAA reforms he says could have helped prevent his son's overdose.

Temple University student Justin Wolfe, 21, died of a heroin overdose in December. "No one in the family knew he was doing heroin," his father Gregg said. "We weren't allowed to be told because of HIPAA regulations."

Justin last spring told two different doctors he had a heroin habit, but they were prevented by law from telling his family members.

"If I knew he was on heroin, he never would have gone back to college," Wolfe said. "I would have demanded he go into inpatient rehab and make sure, based on what he was doing, that he stayed in inpatient rehab for several months."

Legal expert

"[Mental health laws] have always been stricter because there are potentially greater risks if [information] were to go to the wrong party."

Duane Morris attorney Lisa Clark

Justin died six months later, prompting Wolfe to embark on a legislative letter-writing campaign urging that patient privacy laws be revised to allow health information to be shared with guardians of addicts and the mentally disabled.

"It's not only in honor of my son, but to help many other individuals who have addicts or mentally disabled children, who are in the same position or could be in the same position and who don't know where to turn," he said.

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Police found $2K+ in cash, weapons and drugs. / DE STATE POLICE

Arsenal. Delaware man nabbed on drug, weapons charges

Delaware State Police seized drugs and firearms from a Kent County public housing complex Friday.

A .44-caliber Magnum handgun, a 9mm handgun and a .22-caliber rifle — along with crack cocaine, powdered cocaine, pills and cash— were recovered.

Alphonso Simmons, 53, of Felton, was arrested and charged with firearm and drug offenses. He is jailed on a $35,800 secured bond.

The arrest comes after a monthlong probe into alleged drug dealing at the Woodland Manor housing complex. METRO

Suspended

Carnegie Mellon frat suspended

Carnegie Mellon University officials suspended the Beta Theta Pi fraternity after they discovered sexually explicit photos and videos taken inside the fraternity house that were then emailed to fraternity members.

The university said it would determine punishment once the investigation is complete. METRO

Outbreak

E. coli outbreak sickens 24 across country

A U.S. outbreak of E. coli, likely from frozen foods, has sickened 24 people in 15 states, including Pennsylvania, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

Rich Products Corp. of Buffalo, N.Y., recalled about 196,222 pounds of its Farm Rich brand frozen chicken quesadillas and several other frozen mini-meals and snack items on Thursday because they might be contaminated, the CDC said. REUTERS

House warming

Upper Darby man cleans out house

An Upper Darby man who was squatting in a house under renovation made off with household items that he either pawned or scrapped for money, according to the Delaware County Times.

Theodore Wilhelm, 29, left behind identification that led to his capture. A washer, a clothes dryer, an air conditioner, a king-size mattress and a lawn mower were missing. METRO

In pictures

Easter in Philadelphia

1 Kyle Collazo, 3, reaches for a pink Easter egg yesterday morning at the 4th annual free Easter egg hunt at Franklin Square park in Center City.

2 Spectators watch a costume contest during the Easter Promenade event held at 2nd and South streets. The annual event features a variety of Easter Bunnies as well as costume contests.

3 Conor Cohen is the winner of the South Street Razzle Dazzle award at the Easter Promenade event Sunday morning.

4 Mr. Peter Rabbit, played by Melissa Clayboss, gives two young visitors a hug during the Easter Promenade. CHARLES MOSTOLLER/METRO

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Crime

Four people stabbed at Cherry Hill bar

Daniel Skillings, 32, of Sicklerville, stabbed three customers and a security guard at a Cherry Hill, N.J., bar early Sunday morning, police said.

Two club-goers started to fight on the dance floor around 2 a.m at Top Dog Bar and Grill. As security guards separated the two, two others jumped in.

Skillings then pulled a knife and stabbed one of the guards in the left leg. Guards eventually disarmed Skillings and stopped the fight.

All victims were released from the hospital.

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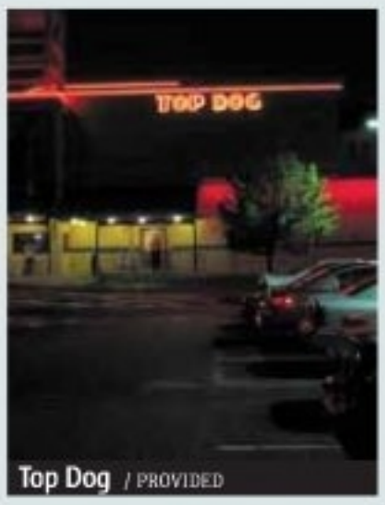

Top Dog / PROVIDED

Crime

Driver who hit cop faces DUI, police say

A driver was arrested in Oxford Circle in the Northeast early Sunday morning after allegedly hitting a police officer as the officer exited her cruiser, police said.

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Opinion

JOHN BOLARIS

BOLARIS VISION

OUT AND PREGNANT: KUDOS, WOLFE

Jenna Wolfe of NBC's "Today" show announced this past week that she is pregnant.

Normally this news is met with not much fanfare, just many hugs and congratulations. But this was not your so-called "normal" pregnancy announcement.

She is a network figure, a soon-to-be mom, and no, it's not Matt Lauer's love child; she is expecting with NBC foreign correspondent Stephanie Gosk.

So in one fell swoop on network television, Wolfe comes out of the closet and tells the nation she is pregnant and gay.

For full disclosure, I got to know Wolfe when I was working for CBS News in New York. As a person (away from the camera), I respected her passion to succeed. She was a hard worker, we both had the Philly connection (she worked for WPHL), she is beautiful inside and out.

Quoted

Jenna Wolfe is one strong woman, trust me. By openly admitting she is gay and pregnant on national TV, she instantly becomes a target for those who don't have the same beliefs as Jenna and her partner.

Did I know she was gay? I couldn't care less even if I knew or thought so. I truly liked her as a person. I actually tried to get her an interview with CBS News, but they passed. NBC got rewarded, and the rest is history. Well, not history yet.

The television industry can be brutal at times, and one needs many layers of skin to absorb the criticism, pressures and demands. And if you're driven to succeed and make it work to be the very best, it can and it does steal your life away.

You become married to the industry. Yes, the paychecks are nice. But in a flash, your livelihood can be taken away. Nobody in this business is bulletproof — just ask Matt Lauer. He's going through television hell, and he is one of the nicest guys I ever met in this crazy industry.

Jenna Wolfe is one strong woman, trust me. By openly admitting she is gay and pregnant on national TV, she instantly becomes a target for those who don't have the same beliefs as Jenna and her partner.

I know on face value it all looks like peaches and cream, but I can almost guarantee you inside, there are people with a lot of power wondering if this is a good thing for the network.

Jenna put a lot on the line, and one must admire her honesty with herself and her viewers as she now takes us through her personal journey. She will be in the crosshairs of social media haters who hide behind the cloak of anonymity, but Jenna will navigate through all this. And at the end, she will be burping her beautiful little girl and smiling from ear to ear.

She is one courageous women, and I congratulate Jenna on her pregnancy and, most of all, her honesty.

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Screw smartly. Trio hold workshops to help your sex life

Screwsmart is redefining sex education in Philly.

The collaborative, founded by JD Ackerman, Rebecca Alvarez and Kira Manser, holds regular workshops at local sex shops, colleges and Washington West.

The three lesbian women met studying for master's degrees in human sexuality at Widener University.

Their seminars range from "Adult Playtime with Screwsmart" to "Starting at the Bottom: An Introduction to Anal Play." The aim of the low-cost workshops, which are open to all, is to increase participants' sexual enjoyment and destigmatize sexual and gender exploration.

"It is not just young people who come to our workshops," Manser said. "One of our most grateful clients is a couple that had been married for 25 years. They had to get know each other again."

The trio of sex nerds, who describe their workshops as what you should have learned in health class, dispense user-friendly and nonintimidating tips to increase fulfillment. Ackerman recommends partners shake up their routine by beginning foreplay with a bath or chocolate massage. She suggests women focus on pleasure rather than achieving orgasm.

LAURA GOLDMAN

Sex ed 101

Exploration must be "sane, safe and consensual," Alvarez says. Four rules trying new things:

- Bring up the idea like it is a holiday, not a funeral.
- Distinguish between needs and wants.
- Ask for what you want and be open to requests.
- Practice saying no.

Bring out your dead

Nick Carroll and April Wagner hang out before the start of yesterday's annual Philadelphia Zombie Crawl, where participants dress up as zombies and parade down South Street before heading to local bars and the Theater of Living Arts for a screening of "Night of the Living Dead."

CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Accidental

Girlfriend's death an accident, boyfriend says

A 22-year-old Kensington woman died after her boyfriend allegedly shot her in the neck Saturday, police said.

Neighbors told police a fight broke out between two men around 8:15 p.m. on East Seltzer Street.

One of those men, 28, allegedly pulled out a gun and fired a shot, striking his own girlfriend in the neck.

She died at Episcopal Hospital around 8:30 p.m. Her identity hasn't been released. Her boyfriend reportedly told investigators the shooting was an accident. METRO

Shooting

South Philly homeowner shoots, kills intruder

A South Philadelphia homeowner allegedly shot and killed an intruder early Sunday during a home invasion on the 1400 block of South 6th Street, police said.

The homeowner, 63, said two men climbed on his roof and broke through a window on the second floor.

He said the men confronted him, and during a struggle he retrieved his gun and fired. Both men then fled back out the bathroom window.

Police found one suspects dead on the roof. No charges are expected. METRO

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South Africa

Mandela's condition improving

The condition of Nelson Mandela has improved further, the government said yesterday. He is in the hospital while receiving treatment for pneumonia.

"Former President Nelson Mandela had a restful day," South Africa's presidency said in a statement. REUTERS

Syrian uprising

Rebels set fire to oil wells

Syrian rebels have set three oil wells in the east of the country ablaze, causing a daily loss of nearly 5,000 barrels of oil and 52,000 cubic meters of gas, state media quoted an oil ministry official as saying. REUTERS

The first family celebrates Easter

President Barack Obama, daughter Sasha, First Lady Michelle Obama and daughter Malia walk across Lafayette Park from the White House yesterday on their way to Easter services at St. John's Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C. / GETTY IMAGES

Immigration. Senate group resolves key issues on reform

With U.S. business and labor now in agreement, a bipartisan group of U.S. senators has resolved all major issues in a pending deal to overhaul the U.S. immigration system and aims to unveil it after Congress reconvenes in the second week of April, key lawmakers said yesterday.

The lawmakers said that while there was no final deal yet, they hope and even expect there to be one soon after the measure is put into legislative language so all eight senators in the bipartisan group can review it.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the biggest U.S. business group, and the AFL-CIO, the largest labor federation, reached an elusive agreement on a guest worker program on Friday, clearing the way for the writing of a full bill.

The bill will include an earned pathway to U.S. citizenship for an estimated 11 million undocumented immigrants, bolstered border security and ways for business to meet the need for both high-skilled and low-skilled workers.

"With the agreement between business and labor, every major policy issue has been resolved," said Sen. Charles Schumer, a New York Democrat and a leader of the so-called Gang of Eight, which has four Democrats and four Republicans.

"We've all agreed that we're not going to come to a final agreement until we see draft legislative language and we agree on that," Schumer told NBC's "Meet the Press." REUTERS

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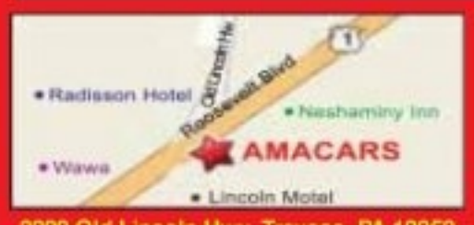

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An official guide to Vienna for gay and lesbian visitors states that the city is more gay-oriented than people might imagine. / GETTY IMAGES

Vienna aims for growing gay travel biz

Gay travel.
Austrian capital joins growing list of European cities seeking to attract lesbian and gay tourists.

City authorities in Vienna this month released a review of the Austrian capital's gay and lesbian tourism strategy, deciding to focus on travellers interested in music, culture and history — and with money to spend.

The review followed a study among gay and lesbian travelers from outside of Vienna that found their average household's monthly net income was 385 euros ($500) higher than that of other tourists to Vienna.

Clemens Koeltringer, marketing analyst from the Vienna Tourists Board, said this target group was "high profile, luxury customers who go to the opera and enjoy very good food."

"Vienna is not a Mykonos, it must not be," Koeltringer told Reuters, referring to the Greek party destination. "This is the main reason we are differentiating ourselves."

Vienna is not alone in identifying the potential of the gay and lesbian market.

Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender leisure travel is forecast to rise almost 10 percent to $181 billion in 2013, according to an LGBT Travel Report 2013 by marketing specialist Out Now Global.

Germany, Bulgaria and Greece were among other destinations promoting gay-friendly credentials at the world's leading travel trade show, the ITB Travel Fair, in Berlin earlier this month. **REUTERS**

Quoted

"It's still my hobby at the moment. ... I don't know if it will work out, but the interest here at ITB has been so huge [that] I've had to get all the flyers and advertising reprinted."

Stefan Dimitrov a PR consultant from Bulgaria, said he noticed a sharp increase in visitors to the gay section of the Sunny Beach resort on the Black Sea and set up a blog, then a website, offering travel tips and tour packages.

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Nuclear accident.
One dead, three hurt at Arkansas plant

An industrial accident at an Arkansas nuclear power plant killed one worker and injured three others yesterday, but there was no release of nuclear material, authorities and the operator said.

A generator fell as it was being moved out of the turbine building at Entergy Corp.'s Arkansas Nuclear One plant in Russellville, Entergy said in a statement.

"There was no nuclear release of any kind," said Ed Barham, a spokesman for the Arkansas Health Department.

The plant's Unit 1 was off-line for refueling and Unit 2 automatically shut down, and there is no danger to the public, per the statement. **REUTERS**

International

Building collapse kills 29 in Africa

Rescuers pulled 29 bodies from the rubble of a 12-story building that collapsed yesterday in Tanzania's commercial capital Dar es Salaam. **REUTERS**

Easter message

Pope appeals for end to Korea crisis

Pope Francis called for world peace, respect for the environment and a diplomatic solution to the crisis on the Korean peninsula in his first Easter Sunday address. **REUTERS**

Italian president in political standoff

The prospect of Napolitano leaving raised alarm and moves to escape the impasse received a cautious welcome from commentators yesterday. / GETTY IMAGES

News. Italy's 87-year-old president is facing the greatest test of his career.

President Giorgio Napolitano's final weeks in office will be spent trying to end the standoff preventing a new government from being formed more than a month after elections.

Following widespread reports he may resign to open the way for a new vote, Napolitano pledged to remain in office at the Quirinale palace until his term ends on May 15, averting the immediate threat of further turmoil.

He named 10 "wise men" including European Affairs Minister Enzo Moavero and senior politicians from the main center-left and center-right blocs to propose a series of urgent measures that could be backed by all parties.

Details will be announced tomorrow but are expected to include cutting the cost of the bloated political system and replacing the widely criticized electoral law to avoid a repeat of the deadlock in future elections. **REUTERS**

Quoted

"It would be a disaster to go back to an election without having reformed the electoral law."

Valerio Onida, former head of the Constitutional Court, who is part of the advisory group, told La Repubblica newspaper

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Holiday art. Easter 'Eggshelland' comes to an end after 55 years

After more than 50 years, loyal fans have one last chance to visit the Easter Bunny and other Easter-themed mosaics made of thousands of brightly colored eggs on a lawn in an eastern suburb of Cleveland.

The displays have drawn thousands of visitors each year to the sprawling lawn of Betty and Ron Manolio in Lyndhurst, Ohio, but the 55th annual event this year will be the last.

"Eggshelland" was created by Ron Manolio, 80, who died in August. This final display is dominated by a 16-foot by 15-foot portrait of the man who each year spent months hollowing out and hand-painting anywhere from 3,000 to 10,000 eggs. A message below the picture reads "thank you all, and goodbye."

This year, Manolio's children and grandchildren set up the 21,630 eggs in 24 colors in a display entitled "A Labor of Love" in tribute to their grandfather. The egg mosaics depict a 45-foot cross, an Easter bunny and an EGGSHELLAND sign propped up in front of the couple's house.

"Our children did this their entire lives. They thought everyone does this," Betty Manolio told Reuters. But the months it takes to design and two to three weekends for installation are too much for the family to keep up.

Manolio said that because her husband was the creative force behind project, it would be too difficult to continue Eggshelland without him.

REUTERS

Quoted

"Our children did this their entire lives. They thought everyone does this."

Betty Manolio

The festival of color

Thousands gathered in the Richmond Hill neighborhood of Queens, N.Y., on Saturday to celebrate Phagwah, or Holi, the festival of colors. The celebration is an Indo-Caribbean festival, where participants throw colored dye or abrac and powder to celebrate spring and the chasing away of winter. The Queens celebration is the largest in the United States. / KEVIN C. DOWNS

Tulsa dental scare

HIV, hepatitis tests urged for 7,000 patients

A Tulsa, Okla., health center began drawing blood samples from patients who may have been exposed to viruses at an oral-surgery dental clinic that is under investigation.

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Zoo insemination

Giant panda artificially inseminated

Veterinarians at the National Zoo artificially inseminated the zoo's female giant panda, Mei Xiang, on Saturday after natural breeding failed to occur, zoo keepers said.

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Scientists will continue to monitor Mei Xiang's hormone levels and conduct ultrasounds to check if she is pregnant. / GETTY IMAGES

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Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Kristin Chenoweth is frustrated, Paris Hilton is living it up abroad, Kelly Osbourne is spying and Bob Saget is a fan of breakfast.

@KChenoweth: How can one weigh 88 lbs and still have a muffin top?

@ParisHilton: Just finished judging Miss Ukraine, had a great time. Now to the after party to celebrate my friend Alexander Onyschenko's birthday!

@MissKellyO: Whenever Im bored I brake out my binoculars & lurk at people from my balcony just saw a man pick his nose & eat it.

@bobsaget: Every day that I begin with eggs goes really well.

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Bieber's pet monkey seized by Germans

Although this seems like an April Fools' Day joke, it isn't: Justin Bieber's pet monkey is under quarantine in Berlin. The singer's prized Capuchin monkey was seized by German customs officials after he tried to bring the animal into the country without permission, according to People magazine. "Justin Bieber brought his monkey to Germany but had no official paperwork for him," a customs spokesman says. "We were forced to confiscate the animal." If this were 1970, this would totally be a plotline of an episode of "Hogan's Heroes."

Seyfried gets the worst comparison

What's the worst insult a young actress can endure? This might be it. "Les Miserables" star Amanda Seyfried was mistaken at LAX for her "Mean Girls" co-star Lindsay Lohan. "I just got mistaken for a Ms. Lohan at Newark Airport," Seyfried posted to Twitter. It's probably not a comparison Seyfried welcomes, considering her previous comments about Lohan: "Lindsay was great on 'Mean Girls.' I think that was before she got a little nuts," Seyfried told Teen Vogue. "I kind of don't expect some of these girls, who've been working since they were 2, to be sane."

THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson's take on the world of gossip

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And in famous baby news

Kristen Bell and Dax Shepard welcomed a baby girl late last week. "Lincoln Bell Shepard is here," Shepard posted to Twitter. "She has Mom's beauty and Dad's obsession with breasts. Hooray!" Meanwhile, Jeremy Renner and an ex-girlfriend welcomed a daughter, according to Us Weekly. "They are beyond thrilled," a rep for Renner says.

'AMW' canceled once again

After 25 seasons of helping to nab low-lifes, "America's Most Wanted" has been canceled — again. Fox axed the show in 2011. Lifetime picked it up but doesn't seem happy with the ratings. TV Guide reports that host John Walsh may be shopping the show to other networks.

Gummer and Walker to divorce

Mamie Gummer and husband Ben Walker are no longer. She was the lead in the newly cancelled TV series "Emily Owens, M.D." and he was in "Abraham Lincoln Vampire Slayer." They married at Gummer's family estate in Connecticut last July. No reason was given for the split.

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No foolin': We've got you covered for today's high jinks

Technology. Here are low-maintenance jokes for your smartphone for April Fools' Day.

It's April Fools' — no, really, it's today.

If the prank holiday got lost in the blur of Monday morning, fear not — Metro has some last-minute ideas for you as you're on the way to the office.

The whoopee cushion is old news, say the creators of the Fart O Gram. This prank-calling service allows you to enter a phone number to be pranked, then calls the person and lets the flatulence rip as they pick up. Take your time choosing from the "Sexy Stall" or the "Costume Party," where a female voice pretends to have met the prankee before.

Prank someone else with the "Prank Me" app. / CONTRIBUTED

For another prank you can set up on your phone, try the "Fake Text" app. It crafts a message that pops up on your screen, from, perhaps, Barack Obama. All you do is download the app and type in the celebrity you want to drop you a line.

Another app, "Prank Me," logs recorded voices — from an IRS representative saying you owe $10,000 to a celeb like Regis Philbin calling about "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire." The catch? The app calls your phone, so to prank someone with the recording, you have to hold your phone up to another receiver as you dial someone else.

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Old-school style

Pranks on the small screen

Gift wrap: We all know arriving at the office is a gift, but make it official by wrapping up an office computer and chair with that wrapping paper you bought at CVS two holiday seasons ago. This is a gem inspired by "The Office." During their ongoing prank-off, Jim gift wraps Dwight's desk and everything on it.

Mess with someone's ears: In "New Girl," Nick wants to prove that he's the prank master. Although many of his shenanigans are too much work (reworking a wall so it appears smaller), this one is office-effective: claim the TV (or some Pandora music) is blaring, and get your office mates to nod along to make the others think they are going deaf.

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Pasion y Arte and Fresh Blood give a lesson in women's history

"1096" blends two distinct styles of dance. / PASION Y ARTE

Dance. The two very different troupes are combining flamenco and postmodern dance for "1096."

Staying in rhythm with Philadelphia International Festival of the Art's time-travel theme, the all-female dance collectives Pasion y Arte and Fresh Blood are performing "1096." The title of this collaboration represents the year that Trotula de Salerno, the first female gynecologist, was born. Not seeing the connection between gynecology and a dance performance? According to Elba Hevia y Vaca, artistic executive director at Pasion y Arte, the link is women, with Trotula de Salerno representing a wave in the timeline of female accomplishments.

"This is a great opportunity to look at women's history," says Hevia y Vaca. "And let's face it, it's not linear." Neither is the performance. Pasion y Arte is a flamenco dance group, while Fresh Blood is a postmodern troupe. Together, "1096" will work in part as a conversation between two strikingly different styles of dance. As Hevia y Vaca explains, flamenco infuses a world of emotion in its style. Postmodern dance, then, presents the inverse, relying heavily on movement.

What makes "1096" intriguing is not just the blending of two types of dances — it's the way this performance operates as a dialogue with women throughout the centuries. "There's a real discourse happening here," says Hevia y Vaca.

The audience becomes a part of the discussion, too. For those who are nervous about becoming involuntary participants, don't sweat it — you won't have to dance at all. "The minute you move, you become involved in some small way," Hevia y Vaca says. "It creates a different space."

To add yet another layer into the mix, the two flamenco dancers and three postmodern dancers cross generational lines, too, with mothers, a grandmother, and a mother-to-be. That's right, there's a pregnant dancer who, according to Hevia y Vaca, "can still move beautifully."

"There's such a wonderful texture that pulses throughout the entire piece," she says.

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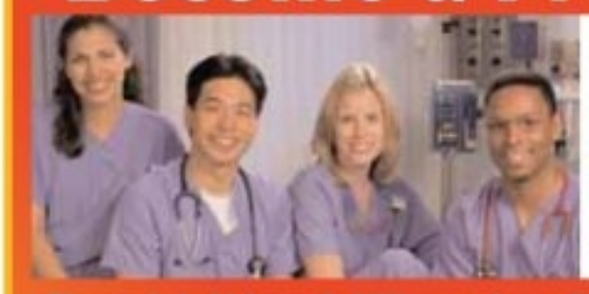
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‘G.I. Joe’ and Tyler Perry defeat Stephenie Meyer

The “G.I. Joe” sequel gunned its way to the top of the box office. / JAIMIE TRUEBLOOD

Action movie “G.I. Joe: Retaliation” won the weekend box office battle in the United States and Canada, fighting off competition from cartoon cavemen, a Tyler Perry drama and an alien-possessed heroine trying to save the human race.

“G.I. Joe,” a sequel starring Channing Tatum, Dwayne Johnson and Bruce Willis, secured $41.2 million in domestic ticket sales from Friday through Sunday, according to studio estimates. The film is the sequel to 2009’s “G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra.”

Last week’s winner, animated prehistoric adventure “The Croods,” slipped to second place with $26.5 million in the United States and Canada. “Tyler Perry’s Temptation,” the filmmaker’s latest film, landed in the No. 3 slot with $22.3 million.

“G.I. Joe” opened Wednesday evening to get a jump on the Easter holiday weekend. The cumulative box office after Sunday is estimated at $51.7 million. In international markets, the movie racked up $80.3 million, for a global haul of $132 million.

“Temptation,” a departure from Perry’s hit comedies, focuses on a married woman drawn to a handsome billionaire. The movie stars Jurnee Smollett-Bell, Lance Gross and Vanessa Williams. Reality TV star Kim Kardashian plays a small role and helped promote the film through TV appearances and social media.

Another new release, sci-fi romantic thriller “The Host,” finished in sixth place with $11 million. The movie is based on a novel by Stephenie Meyer, author of the “Twilight” vampire series that became a blockbuster movie franchise.

In fourth place, thriller “Olympus Has Fallen” earned $14 million during its second weekend. The movie stars Gerard Butler and Morgan Freeman in the tale of a White House under attack. Disney’s “Oz the Great and Powerful” came in fifth with $11.6 million. REUTERS

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♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Intangible ideas could prove to be of greater value than things of a material nature.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Even if benefits are presently coming your way without too much exertion on your part, imagine how much more could happen if you put forth some effort.

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Sudoku: Easy and hard

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How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Letters

Age is just a number

I am frankly sick and tired of hearing Dorothy Robinson publicly expressing her disgust over the fact that 86-year-old Hugh Hefner has a sexual life. What is it to her? Is she just jealous, or what? I wonder if she would express the same disgust over an 86-year-old woman having a sexual life. I guess she probably would. This is both ignorant and ageist. Obviously, Ms. Robinson knows very little about both human sexuality and the aging process. I guess in her little mind she envisions all octogenarians slobbering on their bibs in some nursing home or assisted living facility. Anything else gives her the creeps. Some people completely lose their sexual drive already at 50. Others maintain their vigor and libido all the way into their 90s. But again, what is it to her? Of course, most people can only wish they'll be so lucky.
PASQUALE G. TATO, VIA EMAIL

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EVAN D., VIA EMAIL

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"YEEHAW! Thanks for going back to two puzzles. It is much appreciated."
JOSEPH DUNLAVEY, VIA EMAIL

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1 Hiding place
6 Marched along
10 Lhasa –
14 Skipper's bellow
15 By heart
16 Clove-scented flower
17 Gaiety
18 Queens stadium
19 Urgent appeal
20 Practiced Zen
21 Cheesy snack
23 Polar explorer
24 In a hostile manner
26 Rough sketch
27 Posh quarters
29 Robin – of balladry
31 Historic years
32 Iridescent gems
33 Previous to
36 Exactly so (4 wds.)
40 — kwon do
41 Lugs or carries
42 Nearly shut
43 Easy mark
44 Early release
46 Removes snow
48 Given to back talk
49 Polite coughs
50 Addresses for ladies
52 Wire gauge
55 Pumice source
56 Had an intuition
57 Launch rocket
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60 Part of A.M.
61 Column order
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64 Starbucks order

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7 — Hashanah
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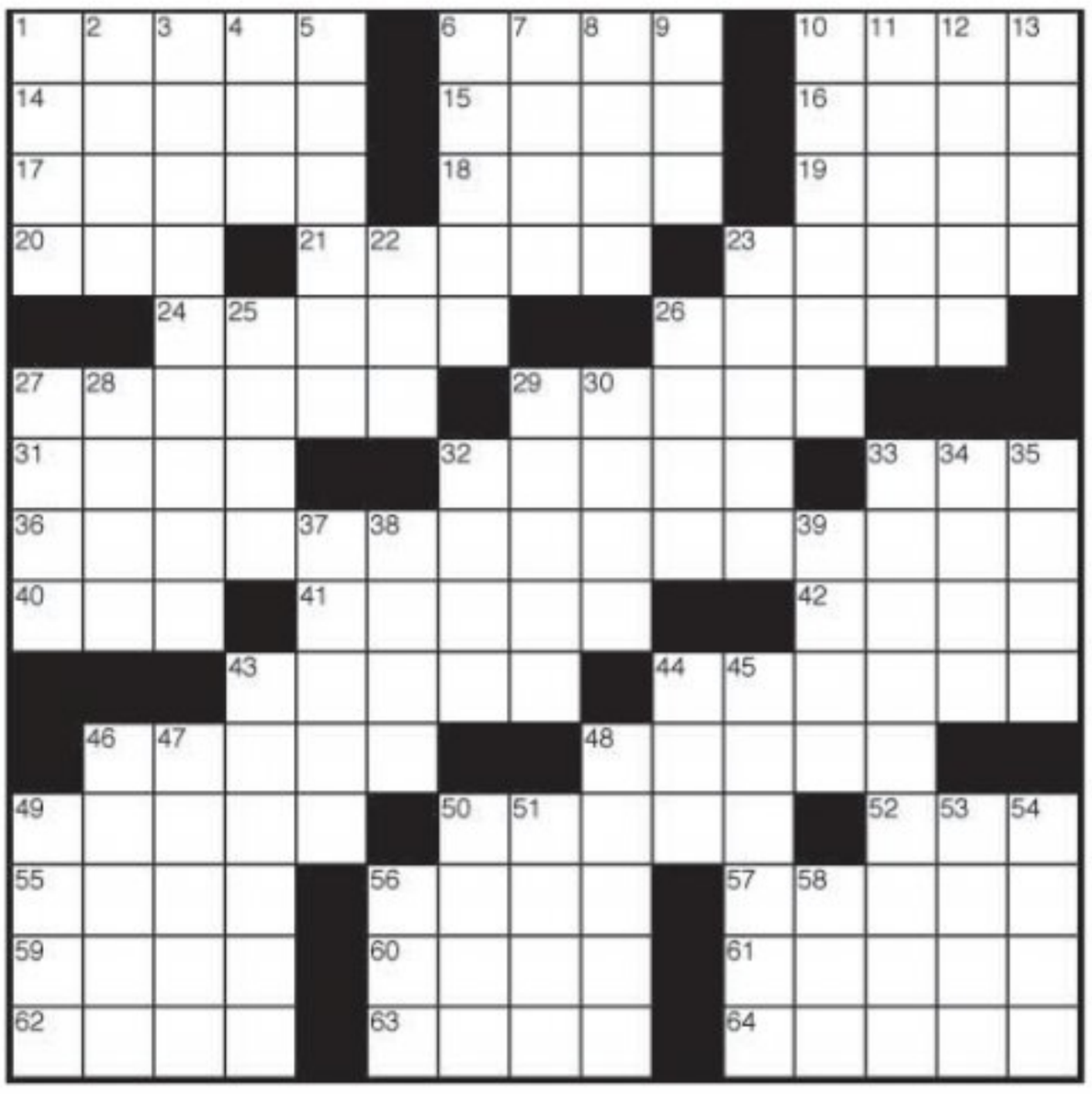

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Education goes massive

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Academics. Massive open online courses allow thousands of students at once to complete coursework over the Internet.

Not too many university lecture halls can accommodate 37,000 students, but campus space is no hurdle for the growing number of MOOCs — massive open online courses — offered by top universities to students around the world. Many of the courses available have no prerequisites and are open to people of all ages and nationalities. Coursework can be completed remotely over the Internet, and cover topics as diverse as epidemiology, Greek literature and introductions to musical instruments.

Several dozen universities worldwide have begun offering free online courses to increase access to quality education using resources made possible by modern technology. Anant Agarwal, president of edX, a Harvard- and MIT-based nonprofit offering several such MOOCs, believes it might be time to rethink education.

"If you walked into a classroom 100 years ago and walked into a classroom today, not much has changed. Almost every other field has changed completely," Agarwal said.

The edX experience is designed to mimic many aspects of a traditional university course. The 730,000 edX students from 192 countries have access to video lectures, interactive exercises, discussion forums and virtual laboratories. Students receive grades through a computer grading system, and can interact with one another to get help and collaborate on assignments. Upon passing the course, each student receives a certificate with an ID number that can be verified by employers.

The flexibility offered by MOOCs can be attractive to nontraditional students. After taking a few years off work to raise her children, Kirsten Hashemi enrolled in an edX course on statistics and epidemiology called Health and Numbers to return to the roots of her undergraduate studies.

"The biggest benefit of the way that edX is set up is they have multiple ways of engaging the community," Hashemi said. "The variety made it more fulfilling than I anticipated."

Hashemi was surprised by the challenging course load, which included homework and drew from e-textbooks. "This was not a blow-off course, but they provided us with everything we needed to do it."

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PLUS

Man vs. machine

While MOOCs are designed to convey the same knowledge to students as their traditional counterparts, there are aspects of university life that cannot be replicated electronically. "On a university campus, students can speak one-on-one with the professor, do research and learn how to work in a community," Agarwal explained. "At the end of the day, things you learn at a university are simply different than things you learn from an online course."

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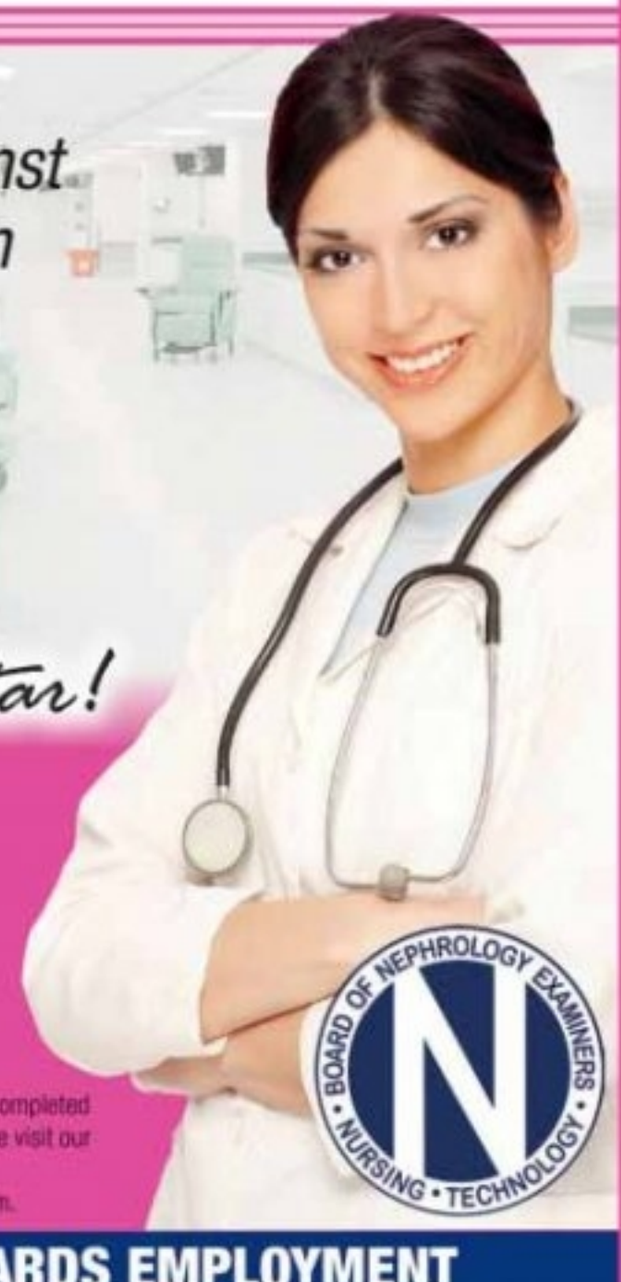
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Think before you tweet about that college rager

On the Web.
Don't forget, your current and future employers might not want to know about last night's wild frat party.

These days, everyone and their mom has a Twitter account. Sure, it's a great way to communicate, but what happens when the things you tweet on a day-to-day basis become more than just benign musings? "Think before you tweet" is a good mantra for students to keep in mind. Remember, your name is easily searchable and within public view of both potential and current employers. Plus, your professors know how to find you on Twitter.

Your username should be an indication of what you're all about: Do you use your real name or an alias? What do you tweet about most of the time? Rants? Raves? Getting drunk on the weekends and being hungover on Monday? Your Twitter account can actually tell a possible employer a lot about you.

Current and potential employers can see your 140 characters, so it should be treated like a first impression. We all know someone who has tweeted things they regret.

Did you tweet about how boring your lecture was? Did you rant about how you mom is using the car at such an inconvenient time? What you tweet, while it seems perfectly harmless, actually has an impact on what potential employers and professors think of you.

If you do want to tweet about every party or complain about your co-workers, you may want to consider making your profile protected. That way, you can filter who sees your account and you can be less mindful about what you say.

Another way to avoid getting into #thatawkwardmomentwhen your boss sees your latest tweet about him or her is to have a personal profile for rants and drunk tweets, and another that's professional and "mom-friendly." That way, your friends can see your typos and drunken adventures and your professional account can define the kind of employee and student you are from 9 to 5.

The Internet is a tool you can use to reach out to and engage with others, but when your future is dependent on what you say and do on social media, you need to be careful. Once things are out there on the Internet, you can't get them back. Just like the foggy memories of last night's party. #youvebeenwarned

FRANCESCA CASTOR

What not to tweet

- DON'T drunk tweet: "So wasted right now. #jagerbombs."
- DON'T hate on your job or co-workers: "My boss is an idiot, made me walk 2 blocks to fetch coffee #hatethisjob"
- DON'T bring your "beef" to Twitter: "Can't believe this b*&#% thinks she's clever"
- DON'T call in sick and tweet about your fun day off: "Check out the new shoes I'm getting on my 'sick day'! WOO HOO!"
- DON'T tweet embarrassing photos of your friends — remember, people can search their Twitter handles, too.

Tweeting about your crazy night? Not a good idea. / GETTY IMAGES

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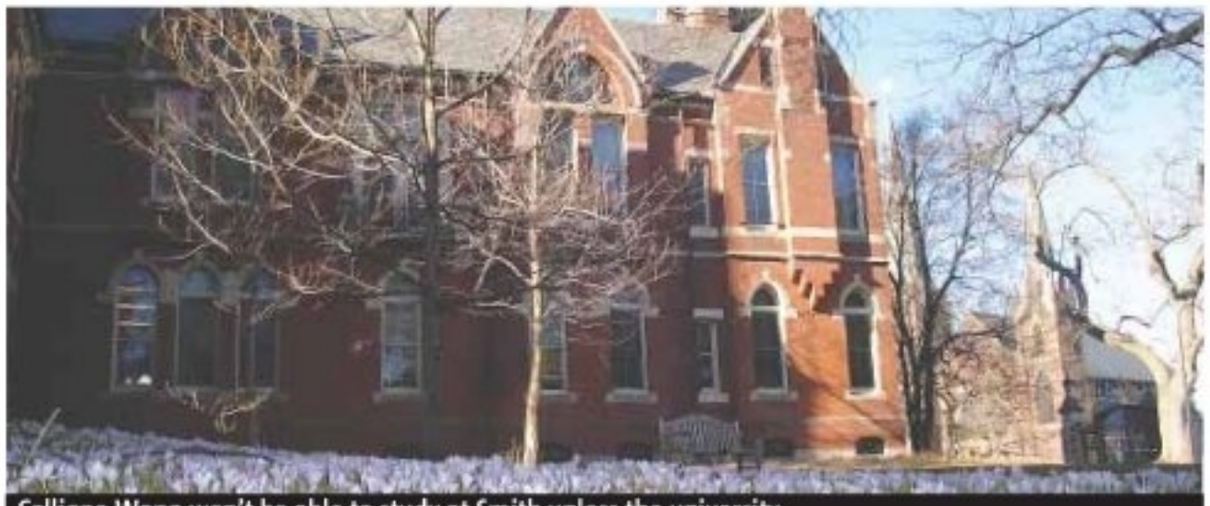
Transgender student denied application to Smith college

Education. Calliope Wong has identified as female since she was a teen, but Smith has turned her away twice.



Calliope Wong won't be able to study at Smith unless the university reworks its admissions policies for transgender students. / WIKIMEDIA

A transgender student has had her application to a prestigious all-women's college denied because she is tagged as legally male on government documents, prompting a vocal online campaign. Calliope Wong, 17, who was born male but has identified as female since adolescence, says that Smith College in Massachusetts twice opted not to read her application.

Almost all of Wong's paperwork, including transcripts and references, identifies her as female, but her Free Application for Federal Student Aid form marks her as male.

Quoted

"Every application is treated case by case, and application materials must reflect female identity." Fenlason

Smith's admissions office told Wong the FAFSA designation makes her ineligible, based on Smith's policy that applications consistently reflect that the student is a woman. Laurie Fenlason, of Smith's public affairs office, says the school doesn't comment on the status of individual applicants. However, she says "every application is treated case by case, and application materials must reflect female identity."

Smith also has legal concerns over changing admissions policies, Fenlason says. Schools like Smith are concerned they could lose federal funding under Title IX, a law that bans sexual discrimination in education but exempts single-sex institutions.

Wong's plight has garnered attention online among Smith's often-progressive students and alumni. Smith has accepted only women since opening in 1875. REUTERS

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NEGOTIATING WHILE FEMALE

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How often do you negotiate a raise? If you're female, the answer is quite likely to be not often, or even never. My first time came about 12 years ago. I was in my 20s and about to switch roles within a company. My co-worker told me I should shoot for a number that constituted a 25 percent raise. It seemed like a huge amount and I found it horribly awkward to discuss money — let alone think I was actually worth something. I squirmed at the thought. But during the interview, I summoned up the courage to make the ask. My supervisor acted surprised, which made me uncomfortable, but I managed to resist backing down. He muttered that it was a very large raise and I was unlikely to receive that much. Still, he said he'd see what he could do.

I got it.

That was my first lesson in negotiating. Just ask — they can always say no. In almost every study done on negotiating, women simply don't ask for raises as frequently as men do. It's one of the many reasons for the gender pay gap. Of course, I know men who hate negotiating as much as I do (I never said it was fun) and women who consider it a point of pride to fight fiercely for what they're worth. But in general, women face particular challenges when it comes to asking for what we want.

Society still views women as nice and accommodating. Asking for more money doesn't fit that picture. So we have to be careful how we do it to avoid turning people off. But if you don't ask, you have no idea what you could get. You could be turned down, but isn't it better to find out by asking in the first place?

Dos and don'ts

DO your research first. There's a ton of it out there. I recommend Shenegotiates.com and the book "Ask for It: How Women Can Use the Power of Negotiation to Get What They Want" by Linda Babcock and Sara Laschever.

DON'T immediately back down if your boss balks at your request. This is all part of the game.

DO remain pleasant and polite throughout. Research shows women can get more from negotiating if they keep playing nice while sticking firmly to their guns.

DON'T say things like "because I deserve it." It gets interviewers and managers all hot under the collar because it goes against gender norms for women.

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SPORTS

Hot seat?

GM safe, Coach?

GM Paul Holmgren's job is safe, according to Flyers chairman Ed Snider. He was speaking to reporters at a ceremony honoring the Stanley Cup teams this past weekend. The status of coach Peter Laviolette isn't so clear, though. Snider said he and Holmgren would talk about Laviolette after the season ends.

Sky high

Diggins leads Irish

Skylar Diggins became the all-time scoring leader for women's hoops at Notre Dame after leading the Fightin' Irish to a 93-63 win yesterday and a trip to the Elite Eight. Diggins scored 27 in the win, giving her 2,323 for her college career.

Hamels gets the start tonight in Atlanta for the Phillies. / GETTY IMAGES

In Cole we trust: Phils turn to lefty

MLB. Hamels is set to make the first Opening Day start of his major-league career tonight.

Cole Hamels is finally ready to take his throne.

After years of playing second and even third fiddle to guys like Roy Halladay and Cliff Lee, Hamels is the Phillies' undisputed ace. He'll make it official tonight when he takes the mound in his first Opening Day start.

"A lot of great pitchers have had that honor, and to be one of them, it's something I will cherish," Hamels told reporters. "To be able to get your team off to the right start sets the tone for the entire season. It's something I'll be able to remember for a really long time. At the same time, I'm looking forward to the season. It's going to be a great season."

With Halladay's status very uncertain and Lee looking to bounce back from an up-and-down 2012 season, the Phils will turn to Hamels early and often in 2013. He's still the youngest of the so-called aces — and still the only way with a World Series ring. Hamels signed a six-year, $144 million contract extension last season because he believes this group can win another World Series.

"That's the attitude that we're getting. You can feel it in the clubhouse," he said. METRO

Cole Hamels, on expectations this season

"This is something that we want to do. We want to win 173 games, and that's what we are going to play for."

Revere will most likely bat in the two-hole, not leadoff. / GETTY IMAGES

2013 Opening Day.
Phils finalize roster, Rollins likely leadoff

The Phillies officially set their 25-man roster Saturday morning.

It includes 12 pitchers, two catchers, six infielders and five outfielders.

Reliever Michael Stutes was optioned to the minors, and Delmon Young was placed on the disabled list. Humberto Quintero will back up Erik Kratz behind the plate.

The team hasn't disclosed who will bat leadoff yet, but all signs point to Jimmy Rollins. The full projected lineup looks like this: Rollins, Ben Revere, Chase Utley, Ryan Howard, Michael Young, Domonic Brown, Laynce Nix and Erik Kratz. METRO

NFL

Report: Bills sign Kolb

Kevin Kolb is set to sign a two-year, $13 million deal with the Buffalo Bills, according to ESPN.

The former Eagles quarterback should be the favorite to land the starting job there. Tarvaris Jackson is the only experienced quarterback on the roster. Kolb was released by the Arizona Cardinals earlier this month after an injury-plagued two seasons in the desert.

Kolb was hand-picked by Andy Reid to be Donovan McNabb's successor in Philadelphia. However, a concussion in his first game at the helm set the stage for Mike Vick to steal the starting job. METRO

NBA

Bryant moves ahead of Wilt

Kobe Bryant's pull-up jumper in the second quarter yesterday moved him ahead of Wilt Chamberlain and into fourth place on the NBA's all-time scoring list.

The Lower Merion product trails only Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Karl Malone and Michael Jordan. He went ahead of Shaquille O'Neal for No. 6 last season.

Bryant has bigger goals. "I just want No. 6, man," Bryant said, referring to his championship count. METRO

Tennis

Murray wins Sony Open

Andy Murray rallied back for a one-point victory over David Ferrer in the Sony Open. Murray also won the title in 2009.

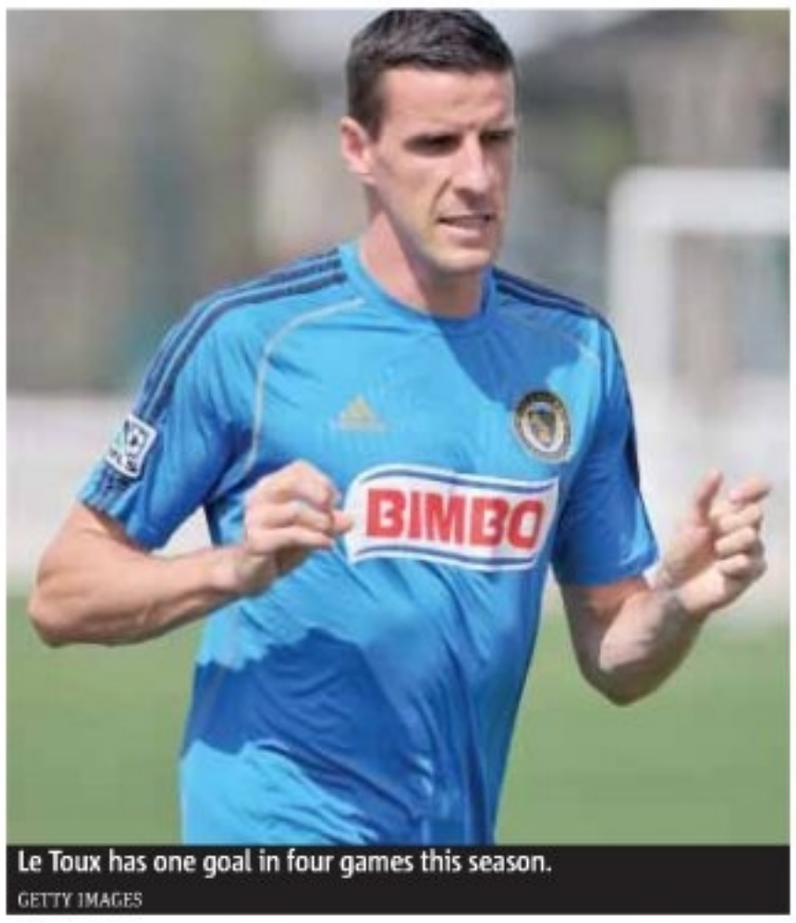
CBS, the network airing the match, cut away from the final to show viewers the tip-off of Michigan and Florida in the Elite Eight of the NCAA tournament. METRO

Le Toux back and loving it in Philadelphia

MLS. The Union forward is making a big impact despite Saturday's loss.

Sebastien Le Toux, who rejoined the Union in a trade, has made an immediate impact from both a record and leadership standpoint.

"My goal this season is to bring the Union back to the playoffs," said Le Toux. "Last season it didn't happen, which was very frustrating for this team. Making the playoffs against Houston [in 2011] was a great accomplishment, so I hope this season we can get back there." **JEFF MCMENAMIN**



Le Toux has one goal in four games this season.

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Analysis

Union fall to Red Bulls, set for Crew

The Union fell 2-1 to the NY Red Bulls on Saturday, and the club has yet to win a game at Red Bull Arena in four years.

"I think we have a great chance," Le Toux said before the game.

The Union had won two straight games before last Saturday's loss. They'll get back at it Saturday against the Columbus Crew.

Without Le Toux last season, the Union finished a disappointing 10-18-6, which placed them 15th out of 19 MLS clubs. With Le Toux in 2011, the Union finished an impressive 11-8-15, which placed them third in the Eastern Conference. **METRO/JM**

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Coach K can only sit and watch

Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski's Blue Devils fell to No. 1 Louisville, 85-63, yesterday in the NCAA tournament's Elite Eight round. Louisville moves on to face Wichita State in the Final Four. The game was marked by a gruesome leg injury to the Cardinals' Kevin Ware. / PAIGE OZAROSKI, METRO

No regrets for Jefferson at storied Duke

NCAA. The Friends Central product is happy he chose Blue Devils over Villanova.

Amile Jefferson pondered his college choices. Duke and Villanova were two finalists. He went back and forth.

There was something drawing the 6-foot-8 forward to Durham, N.C., to play for one of the nation's best college basketball programs.

In the first round of the NCAA tournament, Jefferson stepped on the court at the Wells Fargo Center for the first time in four scoreless minutes for No. 2 Duke in a 73-61 victory. The Blue Devils played Louisville last night for the right to advance to the Final Four.

Jefferson is a Philly kid.
PAIGE OZAROSKI, METRO

"It was definitely exciting for me, playing with these guys, being home," Jefferson said. "I have been to many Sixers games, Villanova games, Temple games. I just never played here."

Jefferson was one of the top recruits as a senior at Friends Central. How close was he to staying on the Main Line?

"I took a long time to make my decision," Jefferson said. "Once I made it, I was at peace with it."

ANDY JASNER

NCAA

Michigan routs Florida

The Wolverines are in the Final Four for the first time since 1993 after topping the Gators, 79-59, yesterday in the Elite Eight.

Michigan scored the first 13 points and never looked back.

METRO

NCAA

Wichita St. beats Ohio St.

The Shockers are moving on after knocking out Ohio State, 70-66, last Saturday night.

Wichita State is just the fifth team seeded No. 9 or higher to reach the Final Four since 1979. METRO

NCAA

Orange crush Marquette

Jim Boeheim is heading to his fourth Final Four after Syracuse downed Marquette, 55-39. They'll get Michigan next.

The Orange used a suffocating trap defense to confuse Marquette. METRO

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Sixers. Iverson soaks in fans one more time

Allen Iverson was back at the Wells Fargo Center this past weekend.

The iconic Sixer was honored Saturday night when his former team hosted the Charlotte Bobcats. All fans in attendance received an Allen Iverson bobblehead figurine. Iverson, as expected, thanked his adopted city for everything.

"I am from Virginia, but everybody thinks I am from Philly because Philly is me and Philly is always going to be me because it is in my heart. That is who I am," Iverson told CSNPhilly.com.

The Sixers welcomed Iverson back with open arms, too. They showed a video tribute on the big screen, with most of the crowd remaining in their seats to enjoy it. Iverson had been trying to make a comeback, but no teams have been interested.

"If I get a chance to play again, I would love the opportunity. But if not, I will continue to just be happy," he said.

The Sixers even pulled off a win for Iverson by beating the Bobcats, 100-92. They get the Bobcats again Wednesday night in Charlotte. **METRO**

Iverson always hears cheers in Philadelphia. / GETTY IMAGES

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Fiscal Year 2014 Operating Budget and Fiscal Years 2015 – 2019 Financial Plan and Selected Tariff Changes and Proposed Fare Increases

The Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) has scheduled public hearings on Proposed Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2014 (Fiscal Year 2014) and Five Year Financial Plan. The Operating Budget proposal includes fare changes as listed below:

Summary of Proposed Fare Changes Effective July 1, 2013
New Payment Technology (NPT) Fare Changes Effective on or about July 1, 2014*

Transit Divisions

	Current	Proposed	NPT		Current	Proposed	NPT
Cash	$ 2.00	$ 2.25	$ 2.50	Disabled Cash	$ 1.00	$ 1.00	NA
Adult Token	$ 1.55	$ 1.80	NA	Disabled Via Smart Media	NA	NA	$ 1.00
Cash via Smart Media	NA	NA	$ 1.80	Disabled Cash Transfer	$ 0.50	$ 0.50	NA
Cash Transfer Fee	$ 1.00	$ 1.00	NA	Disabled Transfer via Smart Media	NA	NA	$ 0.50
Transfer Fee via Smart Media	NA	NA	$ 1.00	Suburban Zones	$ 0.50	$ 0.50	$ 0.50
Weekly TransPass	$ 22.00	$ 24.50	$ 24.50	PATCO Joint Fare	$ 2.60	$ 3.10	$ 3.10
Monthly TransPass	$ 83.00	$ 92.00	$ 92.00	PATCO Joint Fare Return Trip	$ 1.05	$ 1.30	$ 1.30
Convenience Pass	$ 7.00	$ 8.00	$ 8.00	Paratransit/Shared Ride	$ 4.00	$ 4.50	$ 4.50
Independence Pass	$ 11.00	$ 12.00	$ 12.00	NHSL Cash	$ 2.00 - $ 2.50	$ 2.75	$ 2.75
Family Independence Pass	$ 28.00	$ 29.00	$ 29.00	Routes 123, 124, 125, 150, Cash	$ 2.00 - $ 3.50	$ 3.75	$ 3.75

Railroad Division

	Current	Proposed	NPT FVM	NPT SM		Current	Proposed	NPT
Weekday (AP) Zone 1	$ 4.00	$ 4.75	$ 4.75	$ 3.80	Ten Trip Zone 1	$ 35.50	$ 38.00	Replaced
Weekday (AP) Zone 2	$ 4.50	$ 4.75	$ 4.75	$ 4.50	Ten Trip Zone 2	$ 42.50	$ 45.00	By
Weekday (AP) Zone 3	$ 5.50	$ 5.75	$ 5.75	$ 5.45	Ten Trip Zone 3	$ 50.00	$ 54.50	Smart
Weekday (AP) Zone 4	$ 6.25	$ 6.50	$ 6.50	$ 6.25	Ten Trip Zone 4	$ 58.00	$ 62.50	Media
Weekday (AP) Zone 5	$ 6.25	NA	NA	NA	Ten Trip Zone 5	$ 58.00	NA	Card
Weekday (AP) Zone 6 (NJ)	$ 8.75	$ 9.00	$ 9.00	$ 8.00	Ten Trip Zone 6 (NJ)	$ 77.50	$ 80.00	
Weekday Cash Fare Zone 1	$ 4.00	$ 6.00	$ 6.00	NA	Weekly TrailPass Zone 1	$ 24.25	$ 27.25	$ 27.25
Weekday Cash Fare Zone 2	$ 5.00	$ 6.00	$ 6.00	NA	Weekly TrailPass Zone 2	$ 34.50	$ 36.50	$ 36.50
Weekday Cash Fare Zone 3	$ 6.00	$ 7.00	$ 7.00	NA	Weekly TrailPass Zone 3	$ 42.00	$ 44.00	$ 44.00
Weekday Cash Fare Zone 4	$ 7.00	$ 8.00	$ 8.00	NA	Weekly TrailPass Zone 4	$ 47.75	$ 53.00	$ 53.00
Weekday Cash Fare Zone 5	$ 7.00	NA	NA	NA	Weekly TrailPass Zone 5	$ 53.00	NA	NA
Weekday Cash Fare Zone 6 (NJ)	$ 10.00	$ 10.00	$ 10.00	NA				
					Monthly TrailPass 1	$ 91.00	$ 101.00	$ 101.00
Evening/Weekend (AP) Zone 1	$ 3.50	$ 3.75	$ 3.75	$ 3.75	Monthly TrailPass 2	$ 127.00	$ 135.00	$ 135.00
Evening/Weekend (AP) Zone 2	$ 3.50	$ 3.75	$ 3.75	$ 3.75	Monthly TrailPass 3	$ 155.00	$ 163.00	$ 163.00
Evening/Weekend (AP) Zone 3	$ 4.75	$ 5.00	$ 5.00	$ 5.00	Monthly TrailPass 4	$ 176.00	$ 191.00	$ 191.00
Evening/Weekend (AP) Zone 4	$ 4.75	$ 5.00	$ 5.00	$ 5.00	Monthly TrailPass 5	$ 191.00	NA	NA
Evening/Weekend (AP) Zone 5	$ 4.75	NA	NA	NA	Intermediate One Way	$ 3.25-$3.75	$ 3.50	$ 3.50
Evening/Weekend (AP) Zone 6 (NJ)	$ 8.75	$ 9.00	$ 9.00	$ 8.00	Intermediate One Way Half Fare	$ 1.50-$1.75	$ 1.75	$ 1.75
					Intermediate Monthly (IM-1)	$ 75.00	NA	NA
Evening/Weekend Cash Fare Zone 1	$ 4.00	$ 5.00	$ 5.00	NA	Weekly Cross County Pass	NA	$ 29.00	$ 29.00
Evening/Weekend Cash Fare Zone 2	$ 4.00	$ 5.00	$ 5.00	NA	Monthly Cross County Pass	$ 103.00	$ 109.00	$ 109.00
Evening/Weekend Cash Fare Zone 3	$ 6.00	$ 7.00	$ 7.00	NA	Via Center City Philadelphia	$5.50-$9.50	$ 8.50	$ 8.50
Evening/Weekend Cash Fare Zone 4	$ 6.00	$ 7.00	$ 7.00	NA	Via Center City Phila. Half Fare	$2.75-$4.75	$ 4.25	$ 4.25
Evening/Weekend Cash Fare Zone 5	$ 6.00	NA	NA	NA	Via Center City Phila. Cash	$6.00-10.00	$ 9.00	$ 9.00
Eve./Weekend Cash Fare Zone 6 (NJ)	$ 10.00	$ 10.00	$ 10.00	NA	Via Center City Phila. Half Fare Cash	$2.75-$4.75	$ 4.25	$ 4.25
					Senior Citizen inside PA	$.85/$1.00	$.85/$1.00	$ 1.00
					Senior Citizen outside PA	$2.00-$5.00	$1.75-$5.00	$1.75-$5.00
					Child/Disabled	$1.50-$4.75	$1.75-$4.25	$1.75-$4.25
					Child/Disabled (Cash)	$2.00-$5.00	$1.75-$5.00	$1.75-$5.00

- **NPT FVM** = Fare Vending Machine
- **NPT SM** = Pay with Stored Value Smart Media Card
- **NPT** = (New Payment Technology)
- **AP** = Advance Purchase
- **NA** = Not Applicable

*NPT fares effective July 1, 2014 or upon completion of installation of equipment and infrastructure. SEPTA will provide 60 days notice of the effective date for NPT fares.

- After re-zone changes, all Zone 5 stations will be designated as Zone 4 Stations. Zone 4 TrailPass will become Anywhere Pass that will be valid to travel to NJ

CHANGES ARE BEING PROPOSED FOR THE FOLLOWING TARIFFS:

Tariff #1 City Transit Division
- Fare increase presented above
- Gender stickers removed from all Passes
- Extra Fare zone eliminated on routes 14, 22, 44, 52, 55
- TransPasses are no longer valid for travel on weekdays on the railroad

Once NPT is operational the following changes will be implemented:
- Transfers will only be available via Smart Media card, paper transfer eliminated
- Transit Cash Base fare increases $.25 to $2.50, discounted base fare via Smart Media remains unchanged at $1.80
- Disabled Fare only available via use of Photo ID Smart Media
- Free Senior rides only available with the presentation of a state issued photo ID card ie: PA Drivers license or PA Photo ID (for non drivers)
- Pass ride limits introduced

Tariff #155 Suburban Transit Division
- Fare increase presented above
- Gender stickers removed from all Passes
- Extra Fare zone eliminated on 21 routes 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 99, 104, 105, 106, 107, 111, 113, 114, 115, 119, 120, 127, 128, 129, 130, 139
- Extra zone eliminated on Norristown High Speed Line (NHSL) and one cash base fare established at $2.75, or Token+$0.50.
- Routes 123, 124, 125 and 150 with multiple zones eliminated and one cash base fare established at $3.75, or Token+$1.50.

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- Transfers will only be available via Smart Media card, paper transfer eliminated
- Transit Cash Base fare increases $.25 to $2.50, discounted base fare via Smart Media remains unchanged at $1.80
- Disabled Fare only available via use of Photo ID Smart Media
- Free Senior rides only available with the presentation of a state issued photo ID card ie: PA Drivers license or PA Photo ID (for non drivers)
- Pass ride limits introduced

Tariff 154 Railroad Division
- Fare increase presented above
- Gender stickers removed from all Passes
- TransPasses are no longer valid for travel on weekdays on the railroad
- Intermediate Fares reduced to one fare from two fares (Adult and Half Fare)
- Via CCP Fares reduced to one fare from four fares (Adult and Half Fare)
- Present Zone 4 stations re-zoned. Bristol, Langhorne, North Wales, Paoli, Claymont and Wilmington transferred to present Zone 5. All other present Zone 4 stations re-zoned to present Zone 3 stations.
- Eastwick Station re-zoned to Zone 1
- North Broad Street and North Philadelphia Stations re-zoned to Zone 1.
- Weekly Cross County Pass introduced

Once NPT is operational the following changes will be implemented:
- Senior Fare will only be available with the presentation of a state issued photo ID card ie: PA Drivers license or PA Photo ID (for non drivers) or a SEPTA issued Photo ID Smart Media Card.
- Disabled Fare only available via use of SEPTA issued Photo ID Smart Media Card
- Pass ride limits introduced
- Ten Trip fare is eliminated and replaced with discounted one way fare via SEPTA issued Smart Media Card with stored value.

Tariff #112 PATCO
- Fare increase presented above

Tariff #132 Interdivisional
- Fare increase presented above
- TransPasses are no longer valid for travel on weekdays on the railroad

Tariff #168 Parking
- Early payment discount period is eliminated

Once NPT is operational the following changes will be implemented:
- Ability to use SEPTA Adult Tokens for partial payment at 69th St. and Fern Rock is eliminated once new equipment is installed and operational
- Minimum payment with credit/debit card is $2.00 or double the one day rate
- Long term parking rate established where overnight parking is permitted.

Tariff #229-Paratransit- ADA
- Fare increase presented above

Once NPT is operational the Adult Token will no longer be accepted as part payment of the fare.

Tariff #146 Shared Ride Program (SRP)
- Fare increase presented above

See Tariffs for Additional Information

SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Delaware County - Monday, April 15, 2013
Delaware County Court House
County Council Meeting Room, **2pm & 6pm**
201 W. Front Street Media, PA 19063

Montgomery County - Tuesday, April 16, 2013
Montgomery County Human Services Center
Community Room – Main Floor, **2pm & 6pm**
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Philadelphia County - Wednesday, April 17, 2013
SEPTA Board Room, **11am & 5pm**
1234 Market Street Philadelphia, PA 19107

Chester County - Friday, April 19, 2013
West Chester Borough Hall
Council Chambers, **2pm & 6pm**
401 E. Gay Street West Chester, PA 19380

Bucks County - Monday, April 22, 2013
Bucks County Free Library
Pearl Buck Room, **2pm & 6pm**
150 S. Pine Street Doylestown, PA 18901

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